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protein, celecoxib as the anti-inflammatory drug, and rheumatoid arthritis as the inflammatory disease. The claims readable on each election of species are as follows:

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sTNF-RII as TNF binding protein--Claims 1, 27-33, 36, 37, 39-41; celecoxib as anti-inflammatory drug--Claims 1 and 27-41;

rheumatoid arthritis as inflammatory disease--Claims 1 and 27-41.

Conclusion. The Applicants respectfully request entry of all amendments and allowance of all claims.

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